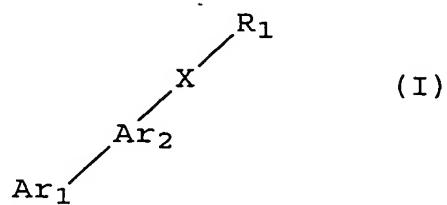
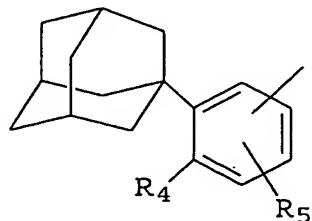


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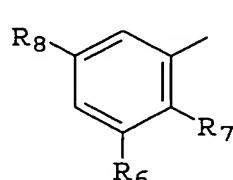
1. A bicyclic aromatic compound having the structural formula (I) :



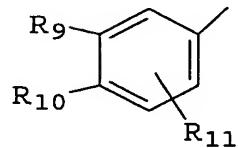
in which R₁ is (i) the radical -CH₃, (ii) a radical 5 -CH₂OR₂; or (iii) a radical -CO-R₃, wherein R₂ and R₃ are as defined below; Ar₁ is a radical selected from among those of the following formulae (a)-(c) :



(a)

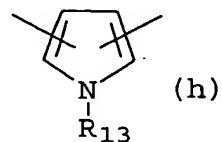
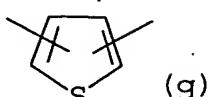
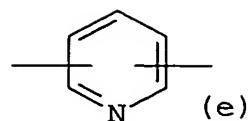
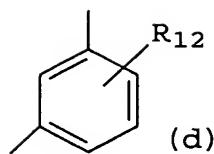


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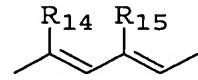
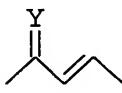
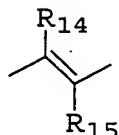
(c)

wherein R₄, R₅, R₆, R₇, R₈, R₉, R₁₀ and R₁₁ are as defined below; Ar₂ is a radical selected from among those of the 10 following formulae (d)-(h) :



wherein R_{12} and R_{13} are as defined below; X is a radical selected from among those of the following formulae

(i) - (l) :



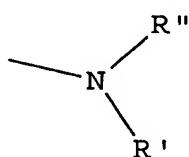
(i)

(j)

(k)

(l)

wherein R_{14} , R_{15} and Y are as defined below; R_2 is a 5 hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl radical or a radical $-CO-R_{16}$, wherein R_{16} is as defined below; R_3 is a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl radical, a radical of the formula:



wherein R' and R" are as defined below, or a radical -OR₁₇, wherein R₁₇ is as defined below; R₄ is a hydrogen atom, a polyether radical, a lower alkyl radical, or a radical -OR₁₈, wherein R₁₈ is as defined below; R₅ is a 5 hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl radical, a polyether radical, or a radical -OR₁₉, wherein R₁₉ is as defined below; R₆ is a tert-butyl radical; R₇ is a lower alkyl radical, a polyether radical, or a radical -OR₂₀, wherein R₂₀ is as defined below, with the proviso that R₆ 10 and R₇ may together form, with the carbon atoms from which they depend, a 6-membered ring optionally substituted with at least one methyl group and/or optionally interrupted by an oxygen or sulfur atom; R₈ is a tert-butyl, adamantyl, aryl or aralkyl radical; R₉ 15 and R₁₀ together form, with the carbon atoms from which they depend, a 5- or 6-membered ring optionally substituted with at least one methyl group and/or optionally interrupted by an oxygen or sulfur atom; R₁₁ is a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl radical having from 1 20 to 9 carbon atoms, a hydroxyl radical, an alkoxy radical, a polyether radical or a radical -OR₂₁, wherein R₂₁ is as defined below; R₁₂ is a hydrogen atom, a hydroxyl radical, an alkoxy radical, a polyether radical or a radical -OR₂₂, wherein R₂₂ is as defined below; R₁₃ 25 is a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl radical, or a radical -COR₂₃, wherein R₂₃ is as defined below; R₁₄ and R₁₅, which may be identical or different, are each a hydrogen

atom, or a lower alkyl radical; Y is an oxygen atom or a CH₂ radical; R₁₆ is a lower alkyl radical; R₁₇ is a hydrogen atom, a linear or branched alkyl radical having from 1 to 20 carbon atoms, an alkenyl radical, a mono- or polyhydroxyalkyl radical, an optionally substituted aryl or aralkyl radical or a sugar residue; R' and R", which may be identical or different, are each a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl radical, a mono- or polyhydroxyalkyl radical, an optionally substituted aryl radical or an amino acid residue, with the proviso that R' and R" may together form, with the nitrogen atom from which they depend, a nitrogenous heterocycle; R₁₈, R₁₉ and R₂₀, which may be identical or different, are each a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl radical, an alkenyl radical, a mono- or polyhydroxyalkyl radical, an aryl radical, an optionally substituted aralkyl radical or a radical -(CH₂)_n-R₂₄, wherein n and R₂₄ are as defined below; R₂₁ and R₂₂, which may be identical or different, are each an alkenyl radical, a mono- or polyhydroxyalkyl radical, an aryl radical, an optionally substituted aralkyl radical, or a radical -(CH₂)_n-R₂₄, wherein n and R₂₄ are as defined below; R₂₃ is a lower alkyl radical; R₂₄ is a heterocycle, a monohydroxyalkyl radical, a thiol radical optionally substituted with a lower alkyl radical, an amino radical optionally substituted with at least one lower alkyl radical, a radical -COOR₂₅, or a radical -CON(R₂₆)R₂₇, wherein R₂₅, R₂₆ and R₂₇ are as defined below; R₂₅ is a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl radical;

R_{26} and R_{27} , which may be identical or different, are each a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl radical, or an optionally substituted aryl radical, with the proviso that R_{26} and R_{27} may together form, with the nitrogen atom from which they depend, a nitrogenous heterocycle; 5 n is an integer such that $2 \leq n \leq 9$; with the further provisos that, when Ar_1 is the radical of formula (c) and X is a radical of formulae (i) or (j), then R_{11} is a radical $-OR_{21}$ or a polyether radical, or when Ar_2 is the radical of formula (d), then R_{12} is a radical $-OR_{22}$ or a polyether radical, and the compounds of formula (I) do 10 not include those wherein R_{11} is a methoxymethoxy radical in an ortho position relative to the substituent Ar_2 when Ar_1 is the radical of formula (c), X is the radical of formula (i), R_{12} is hydrogen and R_1 is a radical $-COR_3$ wherein R_3 is a radical $-OR_{17}$ and R_{17} is a 15 hydrogen atom, and those wherein R_{12} is a methoxymethoxy radical in an ortho- or para-position relative to the substituent Ar_1 when Ar_1 is the radical of formula (c), X is the radical of formula (i), R_{11} is a methyl radical in an ortho-position relative to Ar_2 , and R_1 is a radical $-COR_3$ wherein R_3 is a radical $-OR_{17}$ and R_{17} is a 20 hydrogen atom; and the pharmaceutically/cosmetically acceptable optical and geometric isomers and salts 25 thereof.

2. A bicyclic aromatic compound as defined by
Claim 1, wherein formula (I), Ar_1 is a radical having
the formula (a).

3. A bicyclic aromatic compound as defined by
5 Claim 1, wherein formula (I), Ar_1 is a radical having
the formula (b).

4. A bicyclic aromatic compound as defined by
Claim 1, wherein formula (I), Ar_1 is a radical having
the formula (c).

10 5. A bicyclic aromatic compound as defined by any
of Claims 2-4, wherein formula (I), Ar_2 is a radical
having the formula (d).

6. A bicyclic aromatic compound as defined by any
of Claims 2-4, wherein formula (I), Ar_2 is a radical
15 having the formula (e).

7. A bicyclic aromatic compound as defined by any
of Claims 2-4, wherein formula (I), Ar_2 is a radical
having the formula (f).

8. A bicyclic aromatic compound as defined by any
20 of Claims 2-4, wherein formula (I), Ar_2 is a radical
having the formula (g).

9. A bicyclic aromatic compound as defined by any of Claims 2-4, wherein formula (I), Ar_2 is a radical having the formula (h).

10. A bicyclic aromatic compound as defined by
5 Claim 5, wherein formula (I), X is a radical (i).

11. A bicyclic aromatic compound as defined by
Claim 6, wherein formula (I), X is a radical (j).

12. A bicyclic aromatic compound as defined by
Claim 7, wherein formula (I), X is a radical (k).

10 13. A bicyclic aromatic compound as defined by
Claim 8, wherein formula (I), X is a radical (l).

14. A bicyclic aromatic compound as defined by
Claim 1, comprising a pharmaceutically/cosmetically
acceptable salt thereof.

15 15. A bicyclic aromatic compound as defined by
Claim 1, wherein formula (I), R_1 is a radical $-CO-R_3$; Ar_1
is a radical of formulae (d) or (e); R_{11} is a radical
 $-O-R_{21}$; and R_7 is a radical $-O-R_{20}$.

20 16. A bicyclic aromatic compound as defined by
Claim 1, selected from among

3-(3',5'-di-tert-butyl-2'-methoxy-3-biphenyl)acrylic
acid; 3-(2'-benzyloxy-3',5'-di-tert-butyl-6-hydroxy-3'-
biphenyl)acrylic acid; 3-(3',5'-di-tert-butyl-6-
hydroxy-2'-pentyloxy-3-biphenyl)acrylic acid; 3-
5 (3',5'-di-tert-butyl-6-hydroxy-2'-methoxy-3'-
biphenyl)acrylic acid; 3-[3-(3-benzyloxy-5,5,8,8'-
tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)-4-
methoxymethoxyphenyl]acrylic acid; 3-[3-(3-benzyloxy-
5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)-4-
10 hydroxyphenyl]acrylic acid; [4-methoxymethoxy-3'-
(3,5,5,8,8-pentamethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-
naphthyl)phenyl]propynoic acid; 3-[3-(3-propyloxy-
5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)-4-
15 methoxymethoxyphenyl]acrylic acid; 3-(5'-adamantan-1-yl-
4'-methoxy-2'-methyl-3-biphenyl)acrylic acid; 3-(5'-adamantan-1-yl-
biphenyl)acrylic acid; 3-(5'-adamantan-1-yl-4'-
20 methoxy-6-methoxymethoxy-2'-methyl-3-biphenyl)acrylic
acid; 3-{4-methoxy-3-[3-(3-methoxybenzyloxy)-5,5,8,8'-
tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]phenyl}acrylic
acid; 3-{4-methoxy-3-[3-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-5,5,8,8'-
25 tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]phenyl}acrylic
acid; 3-{3-[3-(6-hydroxyhexyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-
5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]-4-methoxypheyl}acrylic
acid; 3-{3-[3-(7-hydroxyheptyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-
5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]-4-methoxypheyl}acrylic

acid; 3-{3-[3-(5-hydroxypentyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]-4-methoxyphenyl}acrylic acid; 3-{3-[3-(3-hydroxypropyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]-4-methoxyphenyl}acrylic acid; 3-[3-(1-benzyloxy-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)phenyl]acrylic acid; 3-(3'-adamantan-1-yl-4'-hydroxy-3-biphenyl)acrylic acid; 5-[4-methoxy-3-(5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)phenyl]-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoic acid; 5-[4-methoxymethoxy-3-(5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)phenyl]-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoic acid; 5-[4-hydroxy-3-(5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)phenyl]-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoic acid; 3-{3-[3-(5-tert-butoxycarbonylpentyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]-4-methoxyphenyl}acrylic acid; 3-{3-[3-(7-tert-butoxycarbonylheptyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]-4-methoxyphenyl}acrylic acid; 3-{3-[3-(7-carboxyheptyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]-4-methoxyphenyl}acrylic acid; 3-[3-(5-carboxypentyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]-4-methoxyphenyl}acrylic acid; 3-[3-(5-carbamoylpentyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]-4-methoxyphenyl}acrylic acid; 3-[3-(7-carbamoylheptyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]-4-methoxyphenyl}acrylic acid; 3-{4-methoxy-3-[5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-3-(2-morpholin-4-ylethoxy)-5,6,7,8-

tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]phenyl}acrylic acid; 3-{4-methoxy-
3-[5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-3-(2-piperidin-1-yloxy)-
5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]phenyl}acrylic acid; 3-{4-
methoxy-3-[3-(2-methoxymethoxybenzyloxy)-5,5,8,8-
5 tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]phenyl}acrylic
acid; 3-{4-methoxy-3-[3-(3-methoxymethoxybenzyloxy)-
5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-
naphthyl]phenyl}acrylic acid; 3-{4-methoxy-3-[3-(4-
methoxymethoxybenzyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-
10 tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]phenyl}acrylic acid; 3-{4-methoxy-
3-[3-(3-hydroxybenzyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-
tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]phenyl}acrylic acid; 3-[4-fluoro-
3-(3,5,5,8,8-pentamethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-
naphthyl)phenyl]acrylic acid; 3-{4-hydroxy-3-[3-(3-
15 methoxybenzyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-
tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]phenyl}acrylic acid; 3-{4-hydroxy-
3-[3-(4-methoxybenzyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-
tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]phenyl}acrylic acid; 3-{4-hydroxy-
3-[3-(4-fluorobenzyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-
20 tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]phenyl}acrylic acid; 3-{4-hydroxy-
3-[3-(4-chlorobenzyloxy)-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-
tetrahydro-2-naphthyl]phenyl}acrylic acid; 3-[4-hydroxy-
3-(3-methoxymethoxy-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-
tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)phenyl]acrylic acid; 3-(3',5'-di-
25 tert-butyl-6-hydroxy-2'-propyloxy-3-biphenylyl)acrylic
acid; 3-(3',5'-di-tert-butyl-6-hydroxy-2'-butyloxy-3-
biphenylyl)acrylic acid; 3-(2'-butoxy-3',5'-di-tert-
butyl-6-methoxy-3-biphenylyl)acrylic acid; 3-(3',5'-di-

tert-butyl-6-methoxy-2'-propoxy-3-biphenyl)acrylic acid; 3-[4-hydroxy-3-(5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-4-propoxy-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)phenyl]acrylic acid; 3-[3-(3-benzyloxy-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)-4-methoxyphenyl]acrylic acid; ethyl 3-[3-(3-benzyloxy-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)-4-methoxyphenyl]acrylate; 3-methyl-5-[3-(3,5,5,8,8-pentamethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)phenyl]penta-2,4-dienoic acid; 3-[3-(3-benzyloxy-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)-4-methoxyphenyl]prop-2-en-1-ol; 3-[3-(3-benzyloxy-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)-4-methoxyphenyl]propenal; N-ethyl 3-[3-(3-benzyloxy-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)-4-methoxyphenyl]acrylamide; 3-[3-(3-benzyloxy-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)-4-methoxyphenyl]-1-morpholin-4-yl-propenone; N-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-[3-(3-benzyloxy-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)-4-methoxyphenyl]acrylamide; 5-(5'-adamantan-1-yl-4'-methoxy-2'methyl-3-biphenyl)-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoic acid; 5-[4-methoxymethoxy-3-(3,5,5,8,8-pentamethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)phenyl]-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoic acid; 5-[4-hydroxy-3-(3,5,5,8,8-pentamethyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-2-naphthyl)phenyl]-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoic acid; 5-(3',5'-di-tert-butyl-2'-methoxy-3-biphenyl)-3-

methylpenta-2,4-dienoic acid; 5-(3',5'-di-tert-butyl-2'-
propoxy-3-biphenylyl)-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoic acid; 5-
(2'-butoxy-3',5'-di-tert-butyl-3-biphenylyl)-3-
methylpenta-2,4-dienoic acid; 5-(2'-butoxy-3',5'-di-
5 tert-butyl-6-hydroxy-3-biphenylyl)-3-methylpenta-2,4-
dienoic acid; 5-(3',5'-di-tert-butyl-6-hydroxy-2'-
propoxy-3-biphenylyl)-3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoic acid; 5-
(3',5'-di-tert-butyl-6-hydroxy-2'-methoxy-3-biphenylyl)-
3-methylpenta-2,4-dienoic acid.

10 17. A bicyclic aromatic compound as defined by
Claim 1, having the formula (I) and containing at least
one lower alkyl radical substituent selected from among
methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, butyl, tert-butyl and hexyl
radicals.

15 18. A bicyclic aromatic compound as defined by
Claim 1, having the formula (I) and containing at least
one monohydroxyalkyl radical substituent selected from
among 2-hydroxyethyl, 2-hydroxypropyl and 3-
hydroxypropyl radicals.

20 19. A bicyclic aromatic compound as defined by
Claim 1, having the formula (I) and containing at least
one polyhydroxyalkyl radical substituent selected from
among 2,3-dihydroxypropyl, 2,3,4-trihydroxybutyl,
2,3,4,5-tetrahydroxypentyl and pentaerythritol radicals.

20. A bicyclic aromatic compound as defined by
Claim 1, having the formula (I) and containing at least
one aryl radical substituent selected from among phenyl
radicals optionally substituted by at least one halogen
5 atom, or at least one lower alkyl, alkoxy, polyether,
optionally protected amino, hydroxyl or nitro group.

21. A bicyclic aromatic compound as defined by
Claim 1, having the formula (I) and containing at least
one aralkyl radical substituent selected from among
10 benzyl and phenethyl radicals optionally substituted by
at least one halogen atom, or at least one lower alkyl,
alkoxy, polyether, optionally protected amino, hydroxyl
or nitro group.

22. A bicyclic aromatic compound as defined by
15 Claim 1, having the formula (I) and containing at least
one sugar residue substituent selected from among those
of glucose, galactose, mannose and glucuronic acid.

23. A bicyclic aromatic compound as defined by
Claim 1, having the formula (I) and containing at least
20 one amino acid residue substituent selected from among
those of lysine, glycine and aspartic acid.

24. A bicyclic aromatic compound as defined by
Claim 1, having the formula (I) and containing at least
one heterocyclic radical substituent selected from among

piperidino, morpholino, pyrrolidino and piperazino radicals which are optionally substituted by a C₁-C₆ alkyl radical or a mono- or polyhydroxyalkyl radical.

25. A bicyclic aromatic compound as defined by
5 Claim 1, having the formula (I) and containing at least one alkenyl radical substituent having from 2 to 5 carbon atoms and one or more sites of ethylenic unsaturation.

26. A bicyclic aromatic compound as defined by
10 Claim 1, having the formula (I) and containing at least one polyether radical substituent selected from among methoxymethyl ether, methoxyethoxymethyl ether and methylthiomethyl ether radicals.

27. A pharmaceutical composition of matter,
15 comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a bicyclic aromatic compound as defined by Claim 1, or pharmaceutically acceptable salt or isomer thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent or vehicle therefor.

20 28. The pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 27, further comprising a retinoid compound, a D vitamin or derivative thereof, a corticosteroid, an anti-free radical agent, an antioxidant, an α -hydroxy or

α -keto acid or derivative thereof, an ion channel blocker, or combination thereof.

29. The pharmaceutical composition as defined by
Claim 27, comprising a tablet, a capsule, a syrup, a
5 suspension, an elixir, a solution, a powder, granules,
an emulsion, microspheres, nanospheres, lipid vesicles,
polymeric vesicles, or an injectable.

30. The pharmaceutical composition as defined by
Claim 27, comprising an ointment, a cream, a milk, a
10 pommade, a salve, an impregnated pad, a gel, a spray, or
a lotion.

31. The pharmaceutical composition as defined by
Claim 27, adopted for topical administration.

32. The pharmaceutical composition as defined by
15 Claim 27, adopted for systemic administration.

33. The pharmaceutical composition as defined by
Claim 27, comprising from 0.001% to 5% by weight of said
bicyclic aromatic compound, or salt or isomer thereof.

34. A regime/regimen for treating a keratinization
20 disorder in a mammalian organism in need of such
treatment, comprising administering to such organism a

therapeutically effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 27.

35. A regime/regimen for treating a dermatological disorder in a mammalian organism in need of such 5 treatment, comprising administering to such organism a therapeutically effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 27.

36. A regime/regimen for treating an ophthalmological disorder in a mammalian organism in 10 need of such treatment, comprising administering to such organism a therapeutically effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition as defined in Claim 27.

37. A regime/regimen for treating skin aging in a mammalian organism in need of such treatment, comprising 15 administering to such organism a therapeutically effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition as defined in Claim 27.

38. A regime/regimen for treating epidermal and/or dermal atrophy in a mammalian organism in need of such 20 treatment, comprising administering to such organism a therapeutically effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 27.

39. A regime/regimen for treating a cicatrization disorder in a mammalian organism in need of such treatment, comprising administering to such organism a therapeutically effective amount of the pharmaceutical 5 composition as defined in Claim 27.

40. A regime/regimen for treating a sebaceous function disorder in a mammalian organism in need of such treatment, comprising administering to such organism a therapeutically effective amount of the pharmaceutical 10 composition as defined by Claim 27.

41. A regime/regimen for treating a cancerous or precancerous disease state in a mammalian organism in need of such treatment, comprising administering to such organism a therapeutically effective amount of the pharmaceutical 15 composition as defined by Claim 27.

42. A regime/regimen for treating inflammation in a mammalian organism in need of such treatment, comprising administering to such organism a therapeutically effective amount of the pharmaceutical 20 composition as defined by Claim 27.

43. A regime/regimen for treating a viral infection in a mammalian organism in need of such treatment, comprising administering to such organism a

therapeutically effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 27.

44. A regime/regimen for treating or preventing alopecia in a mammalian organism in need of such 5 treatment, comprising administering to such organism a therapeutically effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 27.

45. A regime/regimen for treating a cardiovascular disorder in a mammalian organism in need of such 10 treatment, comprising administering to such organism a therapeutically effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 27.

46. A regime/regimen for treating an immune deficiency in a mammalian organism in need of such 15 treatment, comprising administering to such organism a therapeutically effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 27.

47. A regime/regimen for treating a dermatological, rheumatic, respiratory, cardiovascular 20 or ophthalmologic disorder in a mammalian organism in need of such treatment, comprising administering to such organism a therapeutically effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 27.

48. A regime/regimen as defined by Claim 47, comprising administering to such organism a daily dose of said bicyclic aromatic compound of about 0.01 mg/kg to 100 mg/kg of body weight thereof.

5 49. A cosmetic composition of matter, comprising a cosmetically effective amount of a bicyclic aromatic compound as defined by Claim 1, or cosmetically acceptable salt or isomer thereof, and a cosmetically acceptable carrier, diluent or vehicle therefor.

10 50. The cosmetic composition as defined by Claim 47, comprising a cream, a milk, a lotion, a gel, microspheres, nanospheres, lipid vesicles, polymeric vesicles, a soap, or a shampoo.

15 51. The cosmetic composition as defined by Claim 49, comprising from 0.001% to 3% by weight of said bicyclic aromatic compound, or salt or isomer thereof.

20 52. The cosmetic composition as defined by Claim 49, further comprising a retinoid compound, a D vitamin or derivative thereof, a corticosteroid, an anti-free radical agent, an antioxidant, an α -hydroxy, or α -keto acid or derivative thereof, an ion channel blocker, or combination thereof.

53. A regime/regimen for treating a skin or hair disorder on a mammalian organism in need of such treatment, comprising administering to such organism a cosmetically/therapeutically effective amount of the
5 cosmetic composition as defined by Claim 49.

54. The pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 27, further comprising a wetting agent, a depigmenting agent, a moisturizing agent, an antiseborrhoeic or antiacne agent, an antibiotic, an
10 antifungal agent, a hair regrowth promoter, a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agent, a carotenoid, an anti-psoriatic agent, 5,8,11,14-eicosatetraynoic or 5,8,11-eicosatrynoic acid or ester or amide thereof, or combination thereof.

15 55. The pharmaceutical composition as defined by Claim 27, further comprising a taste- or flavor-enhancing agent, a preservative, a stabilizer, a moisture regulating agent, a pH regulating agent, an osmotic pressure modifying agent, an emulsifying agent,
20 a UV-A or UV-B screening agent, an antioxidant, or combination thereof.

56. The cosmetic composition by Claim 49, further comprising a wetting agent, a depigmenting agent, a moisturizing agent, an antiseborrhoic or antiacne agent, an antibiotic, an antifungal agent, a hair regrowth
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promoter, a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agent, a carotenoid, an anti-psoriatic agent, 5,8,11,14-eicosatetraynoic or 5,8,11-eicosatrynoic acid or ester or amide thereof, or combination thereof.

5 57. The cosmetic composition as defined by Claim 49, further comprising a taste- or flavor-enhancing agent, a preservative, a stabilizer, a moisture regulating agent, a pH regulating agent, an osmotic pressure modifying agent, an emulsifying agent, a UV-A 10 or UV-B screening agent, an antioxidant, or combination thereof.